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# Sen. Tammy Baldwin visits Ho-Chunk Nation

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Staff Writer

Making her first visit with Ho-Chunk Nation, U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin stopped to see the facilities and talk with Nation officials in Black River Falls on Tuesday, July 1.

She first visited the Tribal Office Building, then toured the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center, the mobile pediatric unit and the new Marshfield Family Health Center Dental Clinic.

This was Senator Baldwin's first visit to the Ho-Chunk Nation's headquarters. The Nation's officials frequent her office when they travel to Washington, D.C., to stay informed and introduce new policy that the Nation can partner with her office.

Baldwin's office worked with the Office of the President to schedule the meeting. She was interested in seeing the work the Nation has done to provide Health and Dental care to the Ho-Chunk members.

"We also thought it was important that she come to our headquarters and see the good things that the Nation is doing," said Ho-Chunk Public Relations Officer Collin Price. "She is very aware of the struggles our

rural communities face when dealing with health care. Our clinic, along with the Marshfield Dental Clinic, are tackling these issues head on in a way that most of Indian Country hasn't been able to do."

Another subject Baldwin has been concerned about has been the fate of the land on which the Badger Ammunition Plant was once situated.

"One of the purposes of the visit was to discuss some tribal issues that she's been a strong advocate on. The most talked about topic is the former site of the Badger Ammunition Plant. Senator Baldwin's staff have been diligently working with the Ho-Chunk Nation to have this land transferred to the Nation," Price said. "It's been a long process but she's been advocating and a strong voice on our behalf for many years."

Rep. Susan Waukon presented her with a set of two applique pillows to thank her for her work with the Nation on the Badger project.

"The legislators wanted to



Ho-Chunk Nation Health Care Center Director Joan Greendeer-Lee tells Sen. Tammy Baldwin about the efforts of the Health Care Center and the mobile pediatric unit. Pictured are (from left) Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Heather Cloud, Greendeer-Lee, Baldwin, Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer and HCN Legislative Chief Clerk Ryan Greendeer.

thank Sen Baldwin for her continued efforts on Badger, and thank her for taking time to meet with Ho-Chunk

youth who went out to D.C. earlier this year," said Legislative Chief Communications Officer Arvina Martin.

"She was very interested in learning about the challenges and success we've had with our medical facilities, and was particularly interested in the mobile pediatric unit."



Gathering in front of the Marshfield Clinic Family Health Center Dental Clinic are (from left) Marshfield Family Health Center Executive Director Greg Nycz, HCN President Jon Greendeer, Sen. Tammy Baldwin, HCN Rep. Robert TwoBears and HCN Rep. Susan Waukon.



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# Editorial: Ho-Chunk Nation sponsorship of National Native Media Conference

Hocak Worak reporter Kathleen Roberts and I recently attended the National Native Media Conference in Santa Clara, California on July 10-13. The conference theme was “Going Tra-Digital” to highlight the transmission of cultural traditions through various digital media. The conference, formerly known as the Native American Journalist Association (NAJA) Conference, is now a partnership of NAJA, Native Public Media, and Vision Maker Media. The Hocak Worak is a longtime member of NAJA. NAJA offered training sessions throughout the conference such as NPR’s Audio Storytelling Workshop, Tracking Tribal Cash, High Quality, Low Cost Video, YouTube Hands-on Training, and the Art of Feature Writing. Native Public Media gave trainings: Radio Station Compliance & Information Session, Cultural and Language Programming in Today’s High Tech World, and Live Broad-

cast from Almost Anywhere in the World.

Vision Maker Media held a film festival featuring The Ways: Lady Thunderhawks, Drunktown’s Finest, Healing the Warrior’s Heart, Our Fires Still Burn, and Winter in the Blood.

Lady Thunderhawks is about Oneida basketball player Jessica House and is a PBS Online Film Festival selection.

Drunktown’s Finest is a coming of age story for three Navajos that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival.

Healing the Warrior’s Heart is about Native American veterans dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder after going to war.

Our Fires Still Burn focuses on contemporary Native Americans living in the Midwest and how they keep their culture alive.

Winter in the Blood is the story of a self-destructive Blackfoot tormented by his past played by Chaske Spen-

cer.

Vision Maker Media also held trainings Show Me the Money: Things to Know Before you Sign, Free Tools for Measuring Impact, and Fund Your Next Project.

NAJA also offered Project Phoenix and Native Voices for high school and college students interested in or studying journalism. This year there were 5 high school students and 9 college students. I remember participating as a college student in 1998 and 1999.

New this year is NAJA’s Student Fellowship which provides a year’s worth of multimedia and journalism training, mentorship, and an internship with a mainstream or tribal media for 10 college juniors and seniors. NAJA is partnering with the University of Montana and the Newseum Institute on the fellowship. The Ho-Chunk Nation is a sponsor of the fellowship.

One of the highlights of the conference is a special

advance screening of Planes: Fire & Rescue, which hits theatres July 18. Along with the advance screening, conference attendees heard from actor Wes Studi, who provides the voice for Windlifter; and co-writer Jeff Howard; and art director Toby Wilson. The three shared stories of how Windlifter transitioned from a German sounding character to a Native American inspired character.

Another interesting point I took away from the conference is the Federal Communication Commission’s (FCC) Tribal Priority for Broadcast effort. The FCC adopted an order that streamlines the broadcast licensing regulatory process for tribes starting new radio stations. In other words, starting a new tribal radio station is priority with the FCC.

Native Public Media President and CEO, Loris Taylor, said, “There are currently fifty-three tribal radio stations in the U.S., and forty-four more in the application phase.

Tribal Priority for Broadcast makes it easy for tribes who want a radio station to get one.”

Imagine what the Ho-Chunk Nation could do with a radio station. The possibilities are endless. Information sharing via community transmitting stations would be quick and uniform throughout Ho-Chunk Nation communities, tying them closer together. It could highlight Ho-Chunk and native music and storytelling talent. It could provide inter-tribal revenue by advertising Ho-Chunk Gaming promotions and special events from one source. It could be a platform for public commentary and record of Ho-Chunk Nation topics and issues.

The Hocak Worak is proud of the Ho-Chunk Nation sponsorship. The financial support helps NAJA with its goal of training future native journalist who will bring native news and issues to mainstream media.

## Dear All Concerned HAGA Golfers,

Prior to may 2005, a small number of people put their minds together. Some traveled long distances to help reestablish what is known as the Ho-Chunk Area Golf Association. A lot of time and thoughts were put into their efforts for the benefit of the youth and Ho-Chunk people who were taking an interest in the game of golf. Some were humbly having memorial tournaments for golfers that passed on to the spirit world.

In their long thought out process, by-laws were established, the Board of Directors was created and officers were elected. All officers and Board of Directors fulfilled their responsibilities on a volunteer basis. Meetings were held when different issues arose such as, format, location or how to promote the game to youth. All meetings were

open to the full membership to voice opinions or concerns.

The HAGA started out smoothly after the Ho-Chunk Nation kindly allocated monies for tournaments. All elected officers performed their duties without complaints. Somewhere, as time went along, HAGA started to lose its original intent. Officers no longer abided by the by-laws, membership lost its voice and soon, some members lost interest. Most importantly the youth were forgotten. Youth involvement was one of the main founding priorities of the Association.

The people who didn’t show an interest when the HAGA was being established, somehow more or less dismantled the organization. Their only focus is on making a profit. But who is seeing the profit? Originally, the membership

fees and a minimal amount to the tournament greens fees were used to cover all fees for the youth participants.

One would wonder what happened to the friendly atmospheres that use to exist. Why isn’t there any camaraderie and most of all, where is the respect for one another?

There are those who are concerned about the HAGA but have no one they can turn to, therefore, before the HAGA organization dissolves, being on the few people that helped in the original organization of HAGA, I would request that the two Board Members who were elected at

the last duly called meeting, organize an annual meeting. Appoint a Chair Person to hold elections and vote in Officers who will abide by the by-laws creating a more efficient organization to be enjoyed by all golfers.

*Respectfully submitted by a Concerned Elder Golfer*



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# House of Wellness Construction Alert

Submitted by Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health

Construction has begun on the parking lot expansion project at the House of Wellness in Baraboo.

The project involves the total removal and reconstruction of the existing parking lot facilities on the east and west sides of the building. It adds 30 new parking spots on the west side of the building

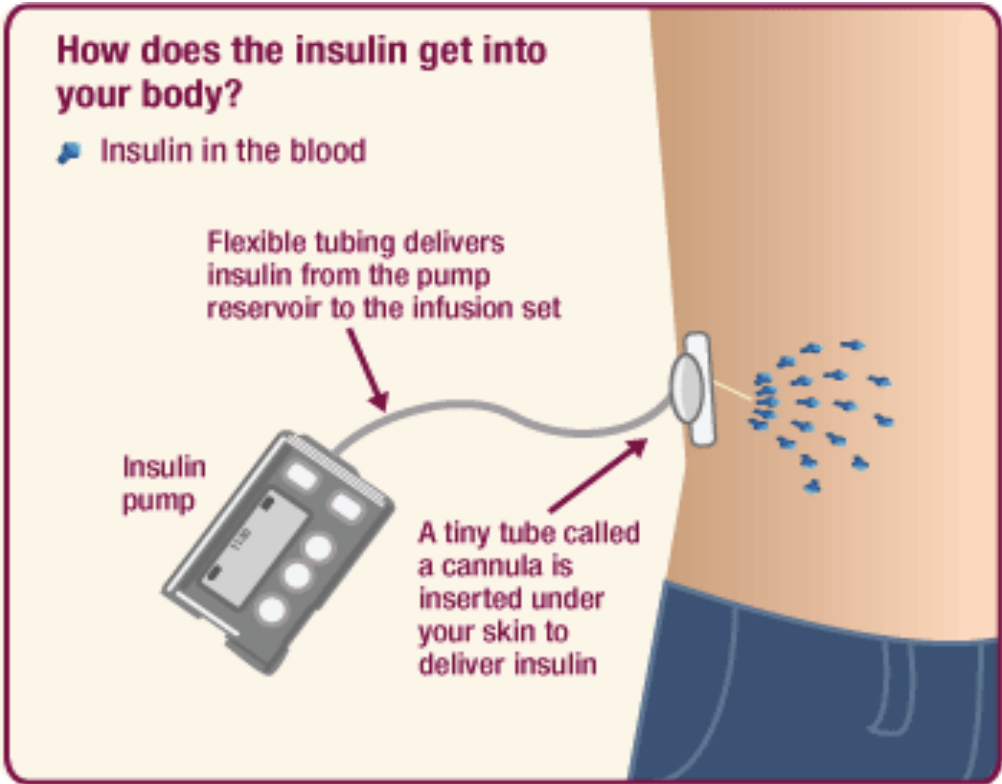
where none existed before (Phase 1 green shaded area). Phase two removes and replaces approximately the southeast half of the existing parking lot to the east of the building and Phase 3 removes and replaces the remaining northwest portion of the existing parking lot, adding about 60 more parking spaces in total on the east side of the building.

(Right Photo) Major construction projects are underway at the House of Wellness in Baraboo. Here, the crushed gravel base layer for new pavement on the fire lane around the south side of the building is visible and the fire lane provides a base of operations for a crane lifting roofing materials for the re-roofing project that is going on at the same time.



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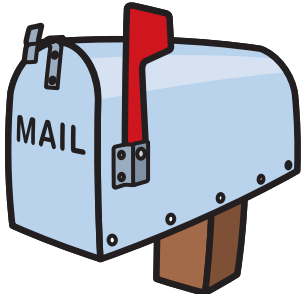
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# Bulldogs win 2014 League Tournament

Submitted by  
Zack Thundercloud

The Ho-Chunk Bulldogs capture the 2014 Jackson County Major League Tournament Championship in Alma Center, WI. It wasn't easy but that's what made it more rewarding for "the Dawgs". They knew they had to work hard for it and that's exactly what they did.

When they started the year practicing in the District One Community Center gym in March, the boys were asked to list their personal and team goals for the year. This was one of their team goals.

For those who don't know, the Bulldogs are a Major League, 12 and under baseball team that participates in the Jackson County Little League, in Black River Falls, Wi. The team is one of fourteen teams that compete in the league. Teams are from Blair-Taylor, Ettrick, Melrose, Mindoro, Alma Center, Osseo, along with four teams from Black River Falls.

Just a quick recap from the tournament:

In the first round, the Bulldogs got in the winners bracket wining 2-0 against the Twins. In the quarter final they posted a win, 6-2 versus Ettrick. And in a pitching battle in the semi-final they pull out a 2-0 win against a VERY strong Orioles team. With the victory, the Bulldogs earned their way to play for the League Championship late Sunday.

In the Championship game, knowing no lead is comfortable, the "Dawgs" jumped out



to a 5-0 lead. In the third and fourth inning Ettrick scored 4 runs to keep it close at 5-4. But to end the game the Bulldogs posted three more runs to earn the victory and the championship 8-4.

The Bulldogs would like to thank their sponsors Ho-Chunk Nation, Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHC-

DA), LA Walker and Buffalo Nickel Creative.com who are kind enough to help our team have a fun and memorable summer. And a special thanks to our fans who always wear their "Bulldog T-shirts" and come out to cheer us on.

The team is coached by Zack Thundercloud, Neil

Whitegull, Greg Bird, Ethan "Big E" Terry, and Jonas Whitegull.

Their final tournament is Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26, in Bangor, WI. Visit and Like us Facebook for details.



Gatric and Batman



The boys congratulating Gatric after hitting one out of the park.



B-RICE and Bodee doing a championship lap.

# Native Designer shows Youth how to create a comic strip

Submitted by  
Mary Ann Wildcat

Five Ho-Chunk youth from Wittenberg were in attendance to a work shop called "Tribal Boy Design presents Design your own Native Comics," event was held on Saturday, May 17th, at the Pac Haci Youth & Learning Center. Youth were taught how to create their own comic strip. Event was open to Ho-Chunk youth in middle school and high school.

The workshop was held in

two sessions. The day started out with a slideshow presented by Designer Michael Bridgeforth, he educated on the basics of where to begin with creating a comic strip, and guidelines to follow. A brainstorming session soon followed, where the youth decided what direction they wanted to go with their story. The youth voted for a pow-wow theme for their first comic strip. Characters were then created, and a storyline soon followed.



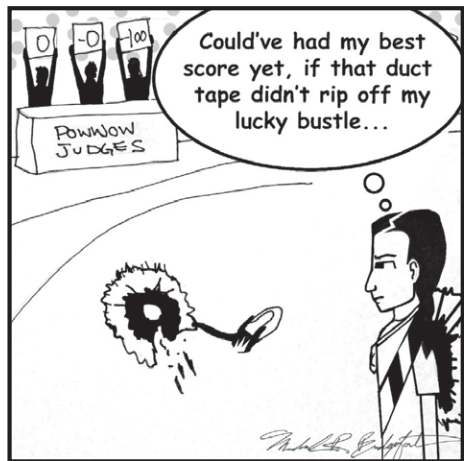
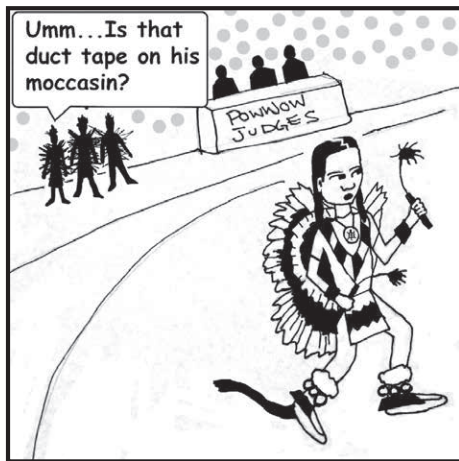
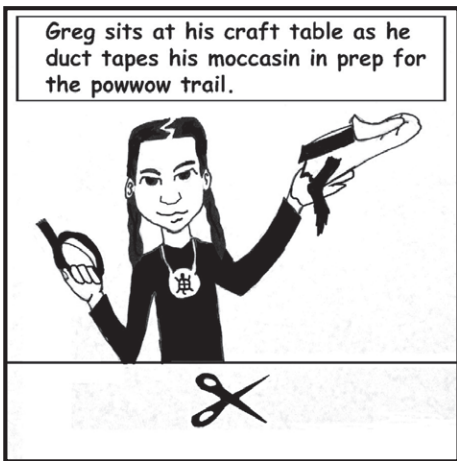
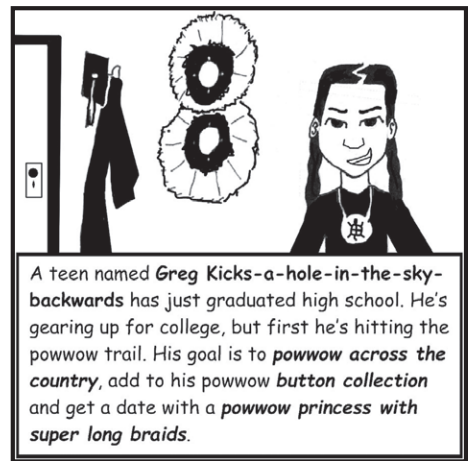
The main actor of the comic is 18 year old Greg Kicks-a-hole-in-the-sky-backwards who sings on a drum with his family and also is a Men's Fancy dancer. Two Bustles is the name of comic that was created, we created the name because Greg is a fancy dancer, and all fancy dancers have two bustles. Greg comes

from a long line of pow-wow-ers which includes veterans, M.C.'s, drummer, back-up singers and dancers, who are always on the pow-wow trail. Mr. Kicks-a-hole-in-the-sky-backwards is also a collector of pow-wow buttons, and has over 200. His main objective is to be the best drummer and fancy dancer around but luck is not on his side because he is not skilled at either. On top of all his dreams, he hopes to score a date with a pow-wow princess with super long braids and hopefully she's not too stuck-up. The main theme of this Two Bustles are all the lessons Greg learns on the pow-wow trail.

The comic's title, character and storyline can be credited to Lawrence Walker III, Lannette Walker and Mary Ann

Wildcat for being the creative minds behind the comic and a big thanks to Michael Bridgeforth for the comic's artwork.

Bio-  
Michael "Half A Sky" Bridgeforth is owner and designer of Tribal Boy Design, LLC. Bridgeforth is an Ojibwe from Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin. He's been designing graphics, websites, t-shirts, murals and comics since 2003. He's passionate when it comes to working with Native American communities, especially youth. If you would like to hold a workshop in your community and learn web design or graphic design contact him at Michael@tribalboy.com or visit his website Tribalboy.com.





# Ho-Chunk youth gather for Recapturing Our Roots 2014 camp at Fort McCoy

Lionel Sanchez  
Youth Worker/Reporter

On June 16 - 20, Ho-Chunk youth gathered at Pine View Campground at Fort McCoy for a culture camp titled Recapturing Our Roots.

The camp was planned and organized by Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN) La Crosse Youth Services staff along with Center Director, Henry Greengrass and Vincent Hamilton, Home/School Coordinator. The weeklong event was sponsored by HCN Youth Services, Domestic Violence, and Heritage Preservation.

As reported by Ayako Thun-



Bruce German and Steven Redbird, along with other youth at Recapturing Our Roots Camp, sing the Thank You song after breakfast.

dercloud-Poff, acting Division Director of Youth Services, the camp hosted 106 youth along with more than 50 staff members. These participants required eleven cabins, ten camper/trailers and four large tent sites for camping accommodations.

Youth campers, adult presenters and camp staff came from a variety of areas in Wisconsin. Some participants came from as far away as Minnesota. Youth and Learning Centers present included Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells, La Crosse, Madison, Nekoosa, Milwaukee, Tomah, Wittenberg and St. Paul.

Camping activities included sports, language, discussions on traditional ways. Some of the physical activities included the game of lacrosse, mini golf, skating, basketball, and swimming. Another activity offered to camp participants included pedal carts.

As the youth played lacrosse, they were not allowed to use any other language except Ho-Chunk. The same rules were applied for the girls playing the double ball game. If they were caught not speaking Ho-Chunk, they would be taken out of the game for two minutes. Game participants made their own lacrosse sticks and double ball sticks. To make the experience even more compelling HCN Pres-

ident, Jon Greendeer started the first game by dropping the ball into play for the face off.

Other cultural activities were offered at camp which exclusively used the Ho-Chunk language. Young men (campers) used Ho-Chunk language when they learned how to drum and sing songs. They were told stories about the drum and what the drum means to Ho-Chunk people. This cultural activity was led by Robert Blackdeer, while Sara Cooper taught the young ladies (campers) about traditional dresses and dress making.

When the youth were not playing lacrosse and speaking their language, they were enjoying the nice, cold water during the hot summer day. Other youth played basketball and mini-golf.

One nighttime activity offered for the youth was skating at Tomah's roller rink. Some youth did slip and fall. But in the end they had a great time.

Tent camping was not an option this year due to the poor weather. Just like the previous two years, camp time was another full week of rain. Thundercloud-Poff suggested some ideas and plans she has for next year's culture camp. Hopefully the plan will include dry, warm weather.



The ladies play double ball game at culture camp held at Fort McCoy.



The boys group up at culture camp 2014 before the La Crosse tournament.

# Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg hosts Woodchucks Community Night

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCGW-PR

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg held a Community Night with the Wisconsin Woodchucks on Thursday,

June 26, 2014. The President of The Ho-Chunk Nation, Jon Greendeer, threw out the first pitch for the game. Meleejah Greendeer sang the National Anthem. Local DJ, Belky,

from 95.5 WIFC held a live remote at the event. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg also had staff working a booth and also invited employees from the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg facility to the game. The Woodchucks played against the Kalamazoo Growlers. The game went into 15 innings and the Woodchucks won 10-9.



Meleejah Greendeer and Jon Greendeer



Ho-Chunk Nation President-Jon Greendeer, Woody Woodchuck, Belky-WIFC 95.5



HCGW Staff Members: Lynette LeGarde, Barbara Kelley, Pam Szutkowski, Missy Redcloud



# Nation officials explain casino expansion plans

**Ken Luchterhand**  
Staff Writer

Providing information about the future casino expansion plans, Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer, Casino Shift Manager David Abangan and Executive Manager Jim Webster made presentations at each of the Ho-Chunk casino sites.

On Monday, June 30, casino expansion plans were presented to employees of Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center during the quarterly Process Improvement Meeting.

President Greendeer said the projected cost for all the projects will be somewhere between \$144 and \$145 million. Shovels will be in the ground by the end of summer and completion of each of the projects will be in approximately 24 months.

“I won’t be here as president when it is finished, but I will be here when the shovels hit the ground,” he said.

The projects are the biggest since the Ho-Chunk Nation first created the casinos around Wisconsin.

One of the biggest impacts of the expansion plans is the amount of jobs that will be provided, Greendeer said.

The Black River Falls facility is expected to gain 50 new jobs; Nekoosa will gain 75; Wittenberg will add 80; and Wisconsin Dells will add at least an extra 100 new jobs.

Abangan explained the expansion plans at Black River Falls, Nekoosa and Wittenberg while Webster told of the expansion plans at Wisconsin Dells.

Construction of parking ramps will be first at each of the facilities so that patrons

will be able to enter and exit the facility safely while construction of other parts of the facility is taking place. Also, the additional parking spots will give ample room for construction crews to park their vehicles.

The facility at Black River Falls will add about 100 more hotel rooms, including luxury suites, plus an Event Center which will include a main Ballroom for entertainment venues and conventions. The casino floor will be expanded to add hundreds of new slot machines and an RV park will be added, which will be located in the area west of the casino and behind the Whitetail Crossing Convenience Store. The RV Park will provide electricity and Wi-Fi (wireless Internet access) for campers.

It was noted that Nekoosa has been essentially the same for the last 20 years, Abangan said. Besides a new parking ramp, the facility will add a new hotel to help add to the amount of time spent at the casino. Presently, patrons must travel some distance, most likely to Wisconsin Rapids, for hotel arrangements. Any time people have to go away from casino, the more likelihood they won’t return, Abangan said.

The Nekoosa facility will gain a Sports Bar and a renovated Grille and Snack Bar. An RV Park for campers also will be constructed.

The casino at Wittenberg is rather unique because it receives competition from nearby Oneida Casino and North Star Casino. It also will gain a three-story parking ramp, along with casino floor expansion. For the first time, the casino will have table games, such as poker and blackjack,

which it hasn’t had before, Abangan said.

It will receive a new hotel and improvements to its food and beverage service, such as new steakhouse restaurant and snack bar. An RV Park will provide an area for campers.

Webster told the employees that feasibility studies were conducted to gain the most in gaming revenue. Also, an owner’s representative was hired, who is an expert in construction.

“The owner’s representative knows the costs of everything and make sure we’re not taken advantage of,” Webster said.

Plans in Wisconsin Dells are to build a new parking ramp which will provide 900 new spaces. The renovated hotel will tout a new lobby which will be closer to the rooms so that guests won’t have to walk great distances to get to their rooms.

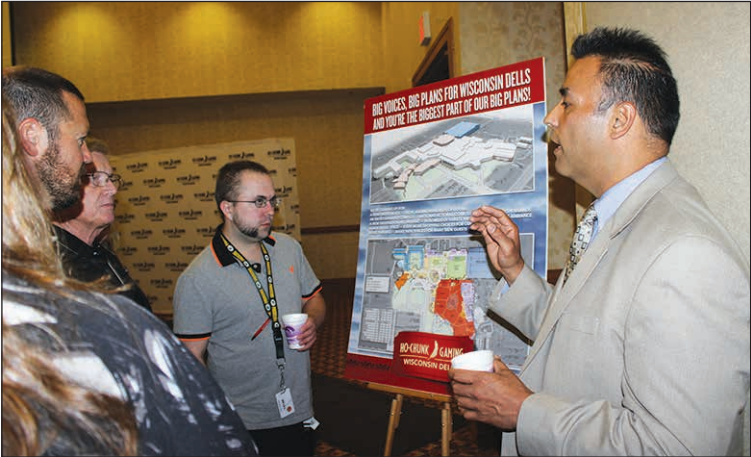
An entertainment complex will provide seating for approximately 3,000 visitors and will offer sporting events and national entertainers.

A destination restaurant is being planned which will seat hundreds of patrons, both inside and on an outside patio.

“We hope to have a national-branded restaurant, such as Margaritaville or Ruth’s Chris Steak House,” Webster said.

Also planned is retail space for 15 shops, including stores of high-end jewelry, clothing and Native American artisans, he said.

Planned changes for the casino include redesigning the flow of the gambling floor. At present, there are areas that are ‘dead ends’ and require backtracking. The new design would provide a circular floor for continuous flow.



**Ho-Chunk President Jon Greendeer explains to attendees how the expansion plans will play a role in the Nation’s long-term goals.**

While one of the first designs for the expansion project included an Adventure Park, which would provide many activities for children, such as water slides. But the new plans don’t include any of that.

“There will be no adventure park in this plan,” Webster said. “That would require hotel expansion to support the extra people attending the adventure park. I don’t believe it could be supported at this

point.” An employee asked if there will be anything added to create a family-oriented facility. Webster replied that the intentions are to create a “Las Vegas type entertainment.”

In a separately funded project, paid by capital budget improvements, the casino, convention center and hotel will receive four new roofs to replace the current aging ones, he said.

## Gaming commissioners take the oath



**Taking the oath as gaming commissioners during a swearing-in ceremony on July 1 are (from left) Cori Blaschke, James Dakota and Lena Walker. Gaming commissioners serve four year terms and are appointed by the Legislative Office.**

## Ho-Chunk Gaming sponsors the GreenLifeXpo

Submitted by Tris Harris, Senior Manager-Public Relations, Ho-Chunk Gaming ~ Black River Falls

On June 27th, 2014, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls (HCG-BRF) presented a check for \$1500 to GreenLifeXpo Chairman, Linda Heller. This is the third year HCG-BRF has assisted in making this Energy Exposition a reality, and the fourth year that this event is being held. This year’s GreenLifeXpo will be held on September 13th at the Milt Lunda Memorial Arena from 9am-4pm.

GreenLifeXpo provides information to people of all ages with a vast array of exhibitors and speakers throughout the day for Renewable/Alternative Energy, Recycling, Sustainable Living, Conservation and Gardens. They also offer bus tours to Pipkin Electric, BRF Hydro Electric Dam, Wisconsin Technical College, the Spaulding Rd. Community Garden, BRAGS Solar Panel



Project, the Chamber’s Net Zero Home and Heller Farm’s Northern Biogas digester.

Ho-Chunk Gaming of Black River Falls is a major supporter to the GreenLifeXpo because they believe it is important for their community

members to learn about being sustainable so that knowledge can be put to use to help save our environment and they have also made changes at their facility to go green wherever possible.

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# Ho-Chunk Division of Natural Resources offers Youth Shadow Series

Kathleen Roberts  
Staff Writer

Through funding from the Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN) Division of Natural Resources (DNR) Labor Department and Education Department, local students have the opportunity to participate in an outdoor education program. The Youth Shadow Series offers education in conservation, forestry and natural resource management, along with college and career planning.

Day one of the program for Black River Falls students, took place on Wednesday, June 11. Youth Shadow Series students met with Gordon Robertson, Geographic Information System (GIS) Coordinator. The students were taught fundamental concepts and use of the GIS and Global Positioning System (GPS.) They worked with the department's mapping software ArcGIS and assisted with map making for the day. The students also uploaded data into a GPS.

Following the GIS lab instruction and training the students went out for actual field experience. This portion of the program allowed the students to use the GPS to navigate to a road which will be built as part of the Wazee Subdivision project. "The field experience gave the students an appreciation and understanding of mapping versus ground verification.

The plans look much different on the ground than viewing objects on a map," said April Schoolcraft, GIS Specialist.

"I assisted Gordon. We discussed higher education requirements to become a GIS professional and suggestions for internships and some opportunities to gain experience in the fields of study that they're interested in prior to applying for college later; to follow through such as following up on job applications, internship opportunities and volunteer projects," said Schoolcraft.

During the second day of the Youth Shadow Series Wednesday June 25, participants Jamyne Thundercloud and Sarah Rave met with Mark Gawron, DNR Forester.

The youth had to recall the GPS skills they learned from the first day. They navigated around the tribal office building grounds with a GPS to locate and identify specific trees. By studying the leaves, bark, seeds and branch formations and by utilizing a reference booklet, they were able to identify six trees.

With the sky blackening bringing the threat of heavy rain, Gawron revised and changed the schedule temporarily to wait for the weather to clear up. The group met in the GIS Lab in the Tribal Office Building for a presentation titled Forestry 101.

The presentation includ-

ed information such as a forester's formal training requirements, forestry tools, forest health (diagnose insect, disease and animal damage,) plantation management, forest regeneration both natural and artificial, relationships (stewardship of the land, landowner objectives.) The presentation's overall message, trees are renewable. "Another forestry definition: Forestry pure and simple, is the science and art of growing, harvesting and regenerating forests for the benefit of people. The natural forces are in place; with a little help from science we can grow better trees faster than if it were left to chance," said Gawron.

With more information from the forestry management presentation and the end of the rain storm, the Youth Shadow Series group was prepared to go out in the field for more practical experience.

They made a trek into the Brown Eagle HCN trust land parcel. The group hiked through a poison ivy lined pathway and made their way to a strategically placed insect trap. The trap is placed on an ash tree, set-up to capture and monitor the presence of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB,) an insect very dangerous only to the ash tree.

The students took the trap down from the tree and checked for EAB presence. No EAB were seen on the trap's surface. The students and mentor, Gawron discussed the importance of the black ash tree especially for Ho-Chunk basket makers. The tree is cut, seasoned and processed for basket making.

After the hands on experience with the EAB trap, the group's itinerary included a visit to the 311 acres of the Leasum Ward parcel near Osseo.

Once the group arrived at the parcel, Gawron demonstrated how to determine tree age and growth using an increment bore tool. The participants each had the opportunity to turn the handle of the bore instrument to



Ho-Chunk DNR Forester Mark Gawron (left) helps students Sarah Rave and Jamyn Thundercloud identify a tree by studying the leaves, bark and branch patterns.



The feller-buncher equipment is used to thin and manage trees for healthier growth as forester Gawron (right) explains to Sarah Rave and Jamyn Thundercloud.

retrieve information. They also learned how to measure basal area or tree thickness by implementing an angle gauge. The students also learned how tree height is determined by watching Gawron use a clinometer.

While walking amidst the stand of trees, the students learned about plantation management. They inspected a large piece of logging equipment called a feller-buncher. The equipment cuts down trees, removes the limbs off of the trees, cuts the logs to the correct lengths and stacks them on location in the forest. The machine helps foresters carry out regeneration cut op-

erations.

After visiting both a pine and an oak tree plantation, and the students had a full-day of forestry education and experience.

The Youth Shadow Series is being offered to other HCN communities. For more information or inquiries contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Natural Resources.

"Final thought: A healthy forest is no accident. It is the result of constant monitoring by the landowner and his/her forester as well as care exercised by the logger during periodic thinning and harvesting operations," said Gawron.



Jamyn Thundercloud (left) forester Mark Gawron and Sarah Rave are relieved to discover the trap is free from the Emerald Ash Borer.

## Newsletter staff welcomes summer youth worker Lionel Sanchez

Kathleen Roberts  
Staff Writer

As a rule, no two days are alike for news reporters. For Lionel Sanchez a Black Riv-



Hocak Worak Newsletter staff welcomes Lionel Sanchez to the office.

er Falls High School senior, the first day starting out as a youth worker/reporter was no exception. The day was truly unusual.

Sanchez officially joined the newsletter staff as a summer youth worker on Wednesday, June 25. He was dressed appropriately in business casual for the first day of work in the office. At least this is what he and his mother, Fredricka Miner thought. Sanchez wore a nice shirt, slacks and dress shoes reflecting what news reporters normally wear.

To his surprise and later to his mother's amazement, Sanchez found himself assigned to cover a story about the Youth Shadow Series facilitated by Mark Gawron,

Ho-Chunk Nation's Division of Natural Resources (DNR) Forester. The reporting assignment would require Sanchez to brave the great outdoors while shadowing Gawron and other participants and to be prepared for whatever weather Mother Nature was going to dole out.

During his lunch break, Sanchez made the transformation to be properly dressed for the adventure. Similar to reporter Clark Kent, Sanchez transformed from the office personification to become an outdoor explorer.

After changing attire Sanchez began his new job reporting on tree identification and other components of the DNR Youth Shadow Series

program. During the first part of the program coverage, Sanchez was challenged by hiking through poison ivy. Gawron warned the group, as they made their way through the woods, to step away from the plants. The monstrous, helicopter size mosquitos were another challenge for his first day as a youth worker/reporter. Nonetheless, Sanchez proved his versatility, bravery and ability to get ready to tackle the job.

Seven weeks as a youth worker/reporter should prove to be an interesting and unpredictable experience. The Hocak Worak newsletter staff welcomes Lionel Sanchez.



The great outdoors challenges youth worker, reporter Lionel Sanchez.



# Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. Day Powwow

Anna Reichenbach  
Hocak-Worak Staff

The annual Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. Powwow was held on July 4 at the Andrew Blackhawk Powwow ground located on Highway 54 East in Black River Fall, WI. The raising of the Red Cloud Family flags was at 10 a.m. with flags being raised at half-mast and raised full-mast at noon.

Grand entry began at 1 p.m. with Andrew Blackhawk Post

#129 bringing in the flags. Head Dancers Autumn White and Ivan Cloud were followed by numerous dancers in beautiful colored regalia.

The Red Cloud Family sponsored a special for the male and female dancers. The winner in each category was Andrew Rave Jr. from Black River Falls and Lillian WhiteEagle from Madison. They each won a tote filled with an assortment of items.



# National Native Media conference goers screen new Disney movie

Kathleen Roberts  
Staff Writer

During the National Native Media Conference (NNMC) July 10-13, participants were treated to a special advanced screening of Walt Disney Animation Studios, Disney Toon Studios' latest movie, Planes – Fire and Rescue. The private screening was conducted at the AMC Mercado 20 Theater in Santa Clara, California on Friday night.

Concluding the private movie screening, NNMC participants discussed the movie and the movie making process

with Disney's Jeff Howard, co-writer and Toby Wilson, Art Director. Actor Wes Studi, Windlifter's voice was also available for a question and answer panel.

Windlifter is a helicopter who can lift heavy equipment used for firefighting and is able to hold the weight of a huge tank of fire retardant.

Both Howard and Wilson described Windlifter's character as an amalgamation of native people. He does not represent just one specific tribe or native culture.

The fine tuning of this mov-

ie intrigues even the most critical of film making professionals. Wilson described how each movie scene was outlined and designed. Both Disney movie representatives mentioned the numerous storyboards required to develop each scene. They revealed that the scenes were drawn from many locations, mostly of familiar sights in national parks.

The movie with all of its fine details in script and scenes will be released on July 18, 2014.

Topping off the private screening of Planes- Fire and Rescue and the discussion panel on Friday night, the next day, Studi made a gracious gesture by holding interviews with a few NNMC participants.

During the roundtable interview, Studi was asked many questions about his role as Windlifter and general questions about the movie.

The actor answered a question on how he felt about the movie as a tribute to native fire fighters. "I think it is very appropriate to give honor and recognition to fire and rescue teams. Recognition is well deserved to those who give up so much putting themselves on the line," he said. Studi

mentioned that his son-in-law is a firefighter in the south-west.

Studi responded to several questions about his experiences as a native actor. He is involved with a program in Santa Fe, New Mexico, for students interested in the film industry. He said the program is offered for students wanting to pursue careers in acting or making movies.

In response to a question about how he deals with stereotypes when he is acting; "I push the stereotypes and negatives out of my mind to play any role. I am in the moment to do what needs to be done. I would hope stereotypes are not as prevalent as they had been," said Studi.

One interviewer asked if he likes to go to powwows. Studi



**Known for his roles in The Last of the Mohicans, Dances with Wolves and many other well-known movies, actor Wes Studi tell of his heritage and that Cherokee is his native language.**

Video screen capture courtesy of "FNX" – First Nations Experience



**Wes Studi, actor and voice of Windlifter from Disney's new movie Planes- Fire and Rescue, interviews with Kathleen Roberts, Hocak Worak reporter.**

Video screen capture courtesy of "FNX" – First Nations Experience

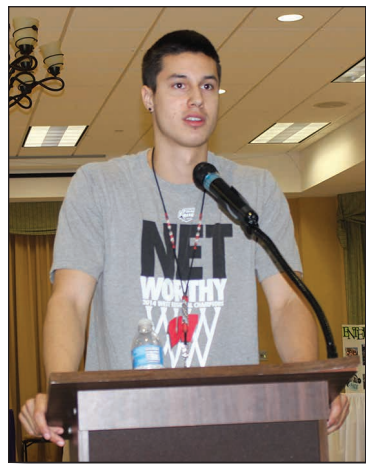
said he certainly enjoys going to them, but he hasn't had the opportunity to attend any this year. In reference to his native heritage, he told interviewers that Cherokee is his first language and that he feels it is very important for tribes to keep their culture alive with their native language.



# Financial Frenzy features speaker Bronson Koenig

Kathleen Roberts and  
Lionel Sanchez  
Staff Writers

Three Bears Resort in Warrens, Wisconsin was the location for the Financial Frenzy. Sponsored by First Nations Community Financial (FNCF) and the Department of Social Services, Family Services Program the event took place



**Bronson Koenig explains to youth attending Financial Frenzy how to balance sports and school.**



**Dashall Thunder speaks to students at the Financial Frenzy about making good decisions.**

on Friday, June 27, 2014.

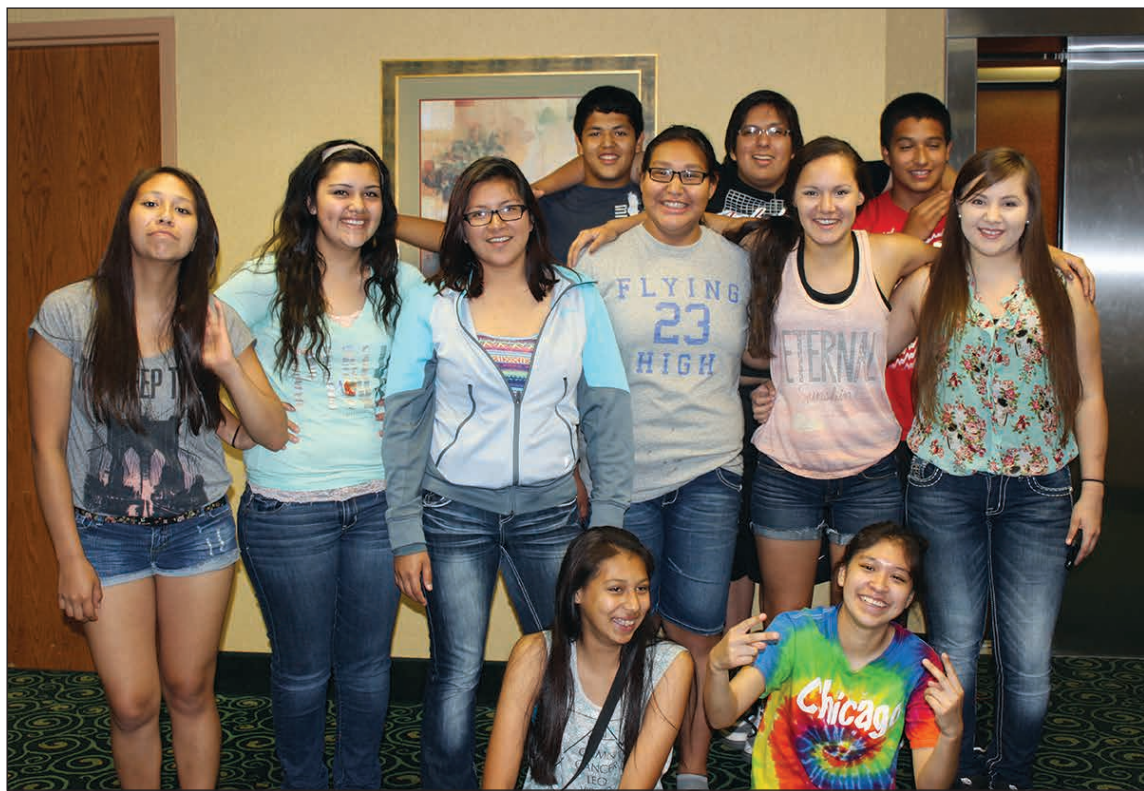
Forrest Funmaker, Director of First Nations Community Financial, welcomed the students and adult participants to the event and gave an overview of the Financial Frenzy activities for the day.

Dashall Thunder, a medical student at the University of North Dakota and a participant in the Ho-Chunk Nation's (HCN) summer intern program was the first speaker for the event. He introduced himself as a member of the Thunder Clan and shared his experiences and goals along with heart felt, caring guidance and financial advice. Thunder expressed his thanks and love of his cooka who raised him since he was nine years old. "My cooka brought me to where I am today," he said.

Thunder stressed the importance of obtaining an education and believing in yourself. "Put your mind to use. Your mind is a really powerful tool. You can get distracted too," he said. Thunder used an example of a fork in the road to describe his thoughts on the pathways students may choose.

"The 18 money ultimately is yours. You have to make your own decisions. Like a fork in the road, on one road you can find good opportunities, things to learn, and the other road can be negatives with fun and the easy things," said Thunder.

Bronson Koenig, point guard for the Badgers, was the featured speaker for the event. Koenig discussed his financial goals and how he manages school and sports. He carefully answered the audience's



**Students participating in the annual Financial Frenzy are (front row, from left) Victoria Funmaker, Tori Cleveland, (middle row) Johny Houghton, Lizette Goucher, Gabby Sanchez, Minnie Lonetree, Lacey Hopinkah, Lorraine Hopinkah, (back row) Gerald Pemberton, Brent Funmaker, and Jerrick Bird.**

questions as they eagerly waved their hands to be called upon. The most frequent question Koenig was asked had to do with his future plans and how he balances his education/schooling and sports/training.

"I thought the Financial Frenzy provided some good information that the youth could actually use in the future. It was good for the youth to hear from older kids what they had to go through and what they needed to do to get where they are presently," said youth worker, Lionel Sanchez.

Lionel said he thought it was a good idea to have the fun, educational activity, the actual Financial Frenzy game, using fake money and scenarios displaying how fast money is spent. He also enjoyed seeing friends from other locations and getting to participate in the activity together.

"This year we wanted to provide as many Ho-Chunk superheroes as we could. FNCF wants to thank Dashell Thunder and Bronson Koenig for their participation in this year's event. We had a blast and believe the kids did as well. The questions the young

people had were inspiring. They are so smart and probably don't get as much credit as they deserve in terms of their financial capability. The biggest part is teaching our people that it is ok to either keep their money in the trust account until they are older, save their money and have it work for them, or invest their money wisely.

I have heard nothing but high accolades from attendees that this was the best Financial Frenzy ever. We want to get better and better each year," said Funmaker.

## Ho-Chunk '18 Money' changes don't win support by tribal lawmakers

Wisconsin State Journal  
DAN SIMMONS  
July 9, 2014

The Ho-Chunk Nation's "18 money" isn't going away.

A proposal to delay lump-sum trust-fund payouts to 18-year-olds in the tribe failed to win support of the tribal legislature Monday, signaling the likely end to a push for changes that started four years ago.

"It's really a no-action vote," said legislator Robert Two Bears. "It seems like it's a dead bill."

He spoke of Monday's decision in Green Bay to avoid a vote on the proposed changes and instead pass the issue along as an informational item at the tribe's General Council meeting in September. The measure passed 6-3, with three legislators abstaining.

Monday's special legislative meeting came after a lengthy

process started in 2010 with a task force formed to look at how the Black River Falls-based tribe distributes accumulated trust-fund money to 18-year-olds. It's called the Children's Trust Fund, although young people call it "18 money."

The current policy makes 18-year-olds who graduate from high school eligible for the full amount, which can be a pre-tax payment of more than \$200,000 for tribe members who have been enrolled since birth.

Spurred by years of study and the results of a survey of past "18 money" recipients, the tribal legislature in January approved opening a 90-day comment period on proposed changes to the policy.

The changes would have dramatically scaled back the amount of money given at high school graduation and

paid out the rest over a period of years when the young adults met certain benchmarks: go to college, join the military, work full time, take extra classes in financial literacy and Ho-Chunk history.

The public comment period ended in May and yielded about 475 responses, Two Bears said. The proposed changes came as welcome relief for some who felt that 18 is too young for such a windfall and had seen friends and family blow through the money instead of investing it for the long term.

But the changes were hardly cheered by all. Some families rely on the money for basic needs and one-time splurges. Some tribal members distrust the government's intentions and think the tribe has no business telling its youth how and when it can spend the funds.

In a survey of past recipients of the windfall, 58 percent said they supported changing the rules. While a majority, it's far slimmer than the 93 percent who said they regretted how they used the money.

Two Bears said he supported delaying the payouts until age 21 or 26 but wasn't on board with the proposals to tie portions of the money to college, employment or military service.

When it started in the mid-1990s, the "18 money" payout was modest, about \$17,000. But it has skyrocketed along with the tribe's gaming profits.

The tribe is one of about 70 nationally — of 225 operating gaming facilities — that distributes some profits from its gaming operations directly to members via a quarterly dividend payment, according

to a 2009 study by the Center for Social Development in St. Louis.

Two other Wisconsin tribes with significant gaming profits — the Oneida in Brown County and the Potawatomi in Forest County — distribute accumulated trust fund money to 18-year-olds in a manner similar to the Ho-Chunk.

Ho-Chunk president Jon Greendeer couldn't be reached for comment on Tuesday. Earlier in the spring he had predicted the proposed changes would face a very difficult legislative path.

"The third rail of Indian politics is the trust fund," he said. "It's something you don't really want to mess with."



# General Council Agency cuts ribbon for new facility

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

A ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, July 11, officially opened a newly-renovated facility to house the General Council Agency (GCA).

The building is located on Highway 21 next to the Ho-Chunk Transportation Shop, just east of the city of Tomah.

“Finally, we got a place of our own,” said GCA Chairman Marvin Decorah.

Parr Decorah was the master of ceremonies, Ger-

ald Cleveland Sr. provided the invocation, the Sanford WhiteEagle Post 556 was the color guard and the Hiwasipi Drum Group provided the music.

The Grand Opening was celebrated with a meal, door prizes, bingo, two inflatable bounce houses for the kids, and a dunk tank. Ho-Chunk President Jon Greendeer and legislators Henning Garvin and Lori Pettibone were some of the brave people to sit in the dunk tank and allow peo-

ple to throw baseballs to give them cold water dunkings.

The GCA started nine years ago in a “small cubby hole” in the Tribal Office Building, then moved to the Mission Commodity Building, where it has been until now.

The newly-renovated building has been vacant for some time and was slated for demolition, but was saved from that fate when the GCA Board decided it would make a good home for the agency.

The GCA acts as a representative body of the General Council. The General Council is comprised of every member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and meets once a year to make crucial decisions about policies of the nation.

The Tomah site will be ideal because of it being nearly equidistant from all the Ho-Chunk major communities.

The building was owned by the Ho-Chunk Nation and was slated for demolition before the General Council Agency chose it for its new headquarters.

“We really saved a building



The newly-renovated building along Highway 21, next to the Transportation Shop, will be the new home of the General Council Agency.



Ho-Chunk General Council Agency Chairman Marvin Decorah cuts the ribbon on the GCA's new headquarters on July 11.

from demolition, and it took a lot of work to get it revamped and restored back to very good condition,” Decorah said.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer said that, at no time since when the casinos were first built, has there been such growth within the Ho-Chunk Nation.

“I’m fortunate to be part of a nation that has grown incredibly in the last several years,” Greendeer said.

The nation was able to take an old building owned by the tribe and put the time and money into it to create a new, functional building.

“Today we celebrate a new GCA office, which is a dream coming true. It will be an epicenter for the people,” Greendeer said. “It has not been easy getting here. It isn’t because everyone agreed. It’s been a lot of struggle and hard work.”

# Last original WPS house in Mission demolished

Ken Luchterhand, Staff Writer

The last of the original Works Progress Administration (WPA) homes in the Mission came down Monday morning.

It was a sad sight for Marilyn Vasquez, but one that she has eventually learned to accept, but not forget.

Three generations lived in that house on Decorah Road.

“It’s where I grew up, my brothers and sisters, and my mom and her sisters,” Marilyn said. “It was first built for my grandparents.”

The house has been demolished by Ho-Chunk Housing, with plans to build a new house on the site. The old house was too dilapidated and too difficult to repair.

The Works Progress Administration (renamed in 1939 as the Work Projects Administration; WPA) was the largest and most ambitious effort during the World War II era, employing millions of unemployed people (mostly unskilled men) to carry out public works projects, including the construction of public buildings and roads.

The WPA built a number of houses in the Mission in Black River Falls.

“The original part of the house was only the front two rooms,” Vasquez said. “There was electricity, but no

water or sewer.”

It was one of the few WPA houses to have a root cellar, she said.

Then in 1969, the back portion was added which gave the family access to running water and sewer. But often the pipes would freeze in winter because of poor insulation, she said.

Vasquez moved out of the house last winter because of the extreme cold and finally gave in to the requests of Ho-Chunk Housing. She moved temporarily to what is commonly called the “ghetto,” which is the trailer court in the Mission.

“They tried to give me a house three years ago,” she said. “I wanted to move the original portion to another site and have it preserved as a historical building. People need to see how we used to live. We didn’t all have nice houses and cars, like we do today. They need to see how we lived back then.”

Many of the original WPA homes didn’t have electricity, but they consider themselves fortunate to have that luxury while growing up.

As she was moving out her personal items before the demolition occurred, going through each item and bagging it, she thought about the memories connected with them. Each and every

item told some kind of story.

“My mother died here. There are a lot of memories here,” she said. “Last week they parked the dozer by the front door. It was a gentle reminder that the end was coming.”

The new house will 24’ x 48’ with a full basement and will offer her many of the modern conveniences she never knew in the former house.

The new house should be warmer in winter, cooler in summer than the old house, and the pipes shouldn’t freeze. But still, Vasquez will hold the memories of the old house near and dear to her heart.

“It makes me sad. A part of history is gone,” she said. “I think about how many breaths were taken in here. I’m used to this house and this way of living. I was raised that way.”

Although the old house was small, many people would stay there. When relatives or friends would come over to stay, they would take out mattresses



Marilyn Vasquez (left) and her sister, Sue (Snowball) Slowey, reminisce on the front steps about their childhood days in the house just a few minutes before its demise.

and put them on the floor so people could sleep. A lot of people had been part of that house, she said.

“Maybe we were poor, but we didn’t know it,” she said. “We were happy.”



Closing the book to an era, an excavator demolishes the home of Marilyn Vasquez, which also served as the home to two previous generations. A new house will be constructed in its place along Decorah Road in the Mission, Black River Falls.



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# ITBC Meat Donation



Submitted by Robert Mann, Executive Director, HCN Heritage Preservation

The Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council received, processed and harvested buffalo culled from the Yellowstone Park herd pursuant to an agreement between Yellowstone National Park and the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council.

The ITBC has entered into the agreement to assume responsibility for the 1) transport of the buffalo from the Park to two processing facilities in Montana, 2) oversight of harvest and processing of the animals, and 3) distribution of the meat to our Member Tribes for Tribal community use.

The Ho-Chunk Nation has been a member of the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council since 1994. Currently, Robert Mann, Executive Director and Lois Behrens, Executive Administration Assistant are the current tribal representatives. In May, as the representatives we applied to receive 350 lbs. meat. On May 28th we received notice that our application was approved and we could pick up the meat in Rapid City, South Dakota.

I didn't think that we would receive any buffalo meat, so when we were notified I wasn't quite sure what to do with it. I contacted Jess Thill and Karena Thundercloud to let them know that I decided to donate this meat to the Diabetes Program for use at their annual conference. They would use this meat for one of their meals for educating tribal members about the nutritional value this meat possess and to have a more healthy diet.

On June 11 we traveled to Rapid City and on June 12th we pick the buffalo meat and to our surprise we instead of 350 lbs. we received 600 lbs. We returned that same day and the next day we delivered the meat to the Diabetes Program for storage.

We will continue to collaborate with the ITBC on future donations of buffalo meat for other uses as well.

# Educational Programs Embrace the Cultural Tourism of the Dells

Submitted by Melanie Sainz, Little Eagle Arts Foundation, Director

(Wisconsin Dells, WI & Baraboo, WI) Sixty years ago Roger and Bernadine Little Eagle Tallmadge (Ho-Chunk) provided visitors with authentic American Indian art at their roadside basket stand on north River Road in Wisconsin Dells. Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) invites American Indian and local artists and the general public to join together to continue this legacy of appreciating local art, culture, and creativity.

The LEAF Art Market series will begin Saturday, July 12 and will take place every weekend until September 14, 2014. Arts Markets will take place at LEAF's headquarters, 3889 North River Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI, 10 am - 4pm, weather permitting. The first, second, and fourth weekends will feature American Indian artists, and the third weekend is open to all local artists. Artists are urged to contact LEAF to register and reserve their space. This program is made possible due to the generosity of LEAF's donors.

LEAF is collaborating with

the Aldo Leopold Foundation to provide, Gifts of Mother Earth: Folk Art Workshop Series. Workshops include: Woodland-style Bead and Porcupine Quill art with Melanie Sainz (Ho-chunk), Ho-chunk Black Ash Basketry with Kimberly Crowley (Ho-chunk), and Great Lakes Copper Bowls with Larry Godfrey (Ojibwa). All fee-based workshops will take place at the beautiful Aldo Leopold Foundation, E13701 Levee Road, Baraboo, WI. Interested participants are urged to contact LEAF for more

information and to register; each workshop is limited to 20 participants.

Little Eagle Arts Foundation of Wisconsin Dells/Adams County and Aldo Leopold Foundation, Baraboo, WI are co-sponsors of this event.

## Ho-Chunk Nation employees turn into highway crew



Employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation were intent on cleaning up Highway 54 between the Tribal Court and the Pow Wow grounds as part of the Ho-Chunk Nation's commitment to the Adopt-A-Highway program. Workers include (back row, from left) Jeron Wilson (hat on), Ashely Blackcoon (sunglasses), Craig Sechser (striped shirt), Dana Pettibone (pink), Lance Blackdeer (blue shirt), Kelly Perkins (hand on the sign), Marlon WhiteEagle, Andrea McCaskey (glasses), Bettina Warner (black shirt, dark sunglasses) and (front row) Harry Hill (holding the \$20 bill he found) and Ken Luchterhand.



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SHOSHONE BANNOCK TRIBAL COURT  
FORT HALL RESERVATION, IDAHO  
CIVIL DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:

MIKA ROSE FUNMAKER  
DOB: 1/25/2011  
A MINOR CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

CASE NO.: 2013-CV-MS-0246

CIVIL SUMMONS

THE SHOSHONE BANNOCK TRIBAL COURT SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: Marshall Funmaker

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, That a Petition/Complaint has been filed against you in the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Court by the above-named Plaintiff; and

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED, To answer to the said complaint within Twenty(20) days of the service of this summons; and

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, That unless you so appear and plead to the said complaint within the said time herein specified, the Plaintiff will take judgment against you by DEFAULT as prayed in the said Petition/Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Court on this 30th Day of June 2014.

VALDA EVENING  
COURT CLERK

\*\*\*CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION\*\*\*

I, the undersigned, do certify that on the Day of 2014. I Submitted to the thereon, a true and correct copy of the CIVIL SUMMONS.

VALDA EVENING  
COURT CLERK

SUMMONS  
(Third Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor : A.D.,, DOB 01/07/2004  
M.K.H., DOB 02/03/2005  
D.C.M.D., DOB 05/24/2010  
Case : JV 14-10  
JV 14-11  
JV 14-12

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): Summer Rose Decorah

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled juvenile protection case. This legal notice of the filed *Child/Family Protection Petition* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene a *Plea Hearing* in accordance with HOCÅK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.41. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the must personally appear along with the at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at 2:00 \_ on the 6th day of November 2014 for the following purpose: *Child Protection Review Hearing*. Pursuant to HOCÅK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: ‘THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.’ THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS  
(Second Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor : A.V.R.G., DOB 01/06/2014  
Case : JV 14-13

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): Angelina Blackdeer

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled juvenile protection case. This legal notice of the filed *Child/Family Protection Petition* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene a *Plea Hearing* in accordance with HOCÅK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.41. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the must personally appear along with the at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at 10:00 \_ on the 8th day of August 2014 for the following purpose: *Child Protection Review Hearing*. Pursuant to HOCÅK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

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SUMMONS  
(Second Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor Child: B.J.W., DOB 9/29/2010,  
Case : JV 14-02

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): CHRISTEENA WHITE


You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above entitled Guardianship Case. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for Temporary Guardianship* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, Rule 54.

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Ho-Chunk Nation  
Lay Advocate Training

July 31 – August 5, 2014



The Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court will hold training sessions for the certification of lay advocates this summer. A lay advocate serves a role similar to an attorney; once training is complete, a lay advocate may represent individuals in any matter before Ho-Chunk Nation Trial and Supreme Courts, including, but not limited to, divorces, juvenile matters, employment disputes, and election appeals. The training will start at 8:00 a.m. on July 31, August 1, August 4, and August 5. Individuals must attend all four days of training to achieve certification. Each day’s training will take place for a full day with a break for lunch; lunch will be provided by the Court on at least two of the days’ trainings.

If you wish to attend the training or want to know more details, please RSVP with the Court’s staff attorneys at 1-715-284-2722 by July 25.

The training will only be held if at least five individuals register, so if you wish to participate be sure to contact the Court as soon as possible!

SUMMONS  
(First Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Cottonwood Financial Wisconsin LLC DBA The Cash Store A Foreign Limited Liability Company, Petitioner, v. Kelly Funmaker, Respondent.  
Case : CG 14-51

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Kelly Funmaker

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, Rule 54.

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SUMMONS  
(Second Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of Wisconsin, Petitioner, v. Sheena Decorah, Respondent.  
Case : CS 14-30

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Sheena Decorah

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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SUMMONS  
(Second Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of Wisconsin - Jackson County, Petitioner, v. Lindsay M. Whitegull, Respondent.  
Case : CS 14-33

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Lindsey M. Whitegull

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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## HO-CHUNK NATION DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### MEETING NOTICE

In accordance with the Ho-Chunk Nation Open Meeting act, this posting shall serve as notice that the Division of Veterans Affairs has scheduled a meeting of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board.

This meeting will be held on, **Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. the Veterans Affairs Conference Room, Tribal Office Building, W9184 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615.** The Division of Veterans Affairs encourages all veterans and interested individuals to attend.

Should you have any questions comments or concerns please contact the Division of Veterans Affairs at **(715) 284-4563.**

# Ho-Chunk NEESH-LA POW-WOW

## AUGUST 22, 23, 24 • 2014

### NEESH-LA 3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 23 • 9AM  
1ST PLACE \$500 • \$25 ENTRY FEE  
LANCE/KURT: 608.355.1240 EXT. 5585

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5K OBSTACLE • AUGUST 24  
\$40 GEN PUBLIC • HOCAS FREE  
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1ST PLACE \$800  
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BRADY TWO BEARS: 888.552.7889

### DANCE CATEGORIES

MEN'S: FANCY • GRASS • TRADITIONAL  
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GOLDEN AGE 55+, SR. 35-54, JR. 18-34: \$1,000 • \$700 • \$400 • \$300  
TEEN 13-17: \$400 • \$300 • \$150 • \$75  
JR 8-12: \$200 • \$150 • \$75 • \$50

### DRUM CONTEST

\$6,000 • \$5,000 • \$4,000 • \$3,000  
MC: TERRY FIDDLER • MC: CHARLES HINDSLEY  
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HOST DRUM: WISCONSIN DELLS SINGERS  
INVITED DRUMS: SMOKEY TOWN • MESKWAKI NATION  
HEAD DRUM JUDGE: KEN FUNMAKER JR.  
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ARENA DIRECTOR: JAMES "BUD" DAY  
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### Moccasin Tournament Rules

#### Teams

- \*Team players must be 12 years or older.
- \*Teams must consist of 4 players minimum, male or female.
- \*Teams must have a male singer on your team. Singing is required.
- \*Teams must provide their own drum, moccasins, & counting sticks. Please provide your own blanket(s).

#### Loading/Hiding/Shooting

- \*You are only allowed one pass, when loading the moccasins.
- \*You are only allowed to touch the opponents' moccasin, if you are shooting or flipping-over the moccasin.
- \*Team players must be in a sitting/kneeling position when loading. No lying down will be permitted during loading.
- \*Moccasins are not allowed to be touching.
- \*If a moccasin is blown over by the wind, the team is allowed to re-hide.

#### \*ONLY STRAIGHT SHOOTING

### Moccasin Tournament Counting Rules

Each team will have 10 counting sticks. Each team will have 6 horses (short sticks) that will be placed under the blanket, and half of each horse will be exposed. When a team has taken all 10 of the opponents' counting sticks, 1 horse will be pushed or hidden under the blanket. When all 6 of the horses have been pushed or hidden under the blanket, this will complete the game.

### Straight Shots

A Straight shot (hitting the top of moccasin or flipping it over) will score 4 counting sticks, if the bullet is there. If the bullet isn't there, you will give your opponent 4 counting sticks.

### Double Elimination

1st Place	\$800
2nd Place	\$600
3rd Place	\$400
2nd Place	\$200

Registration: 5pm-10pm (Fri evening) & 10am-12pm (Sat)  
Tournament begins at:  
12:00pm - noon (Saturday)  
Location: Pow-Wow grounds  
Rules subject to change





Cabel (CJ) McKinley Jr.

Congratulations Class of 2014  
Cabel (CJ) McKinley Jr. graduated from  
Lugoff-Elgin High School on May 31, 2014  
CJ is a participant of “The Youth Leadership Program” attend-  
ing in 2007. As a member of this elite group of students. CJ  
was invited to both Inaugurations of President Barak Obama,  
attending the first Inauguration Conference from January 17-21,  
2009. CJ also participated in ROTC his Senior year. CJ enlisted  
into the US Navy and will leave for basic training in Septem-  
ber, for now he will be training for Hull Technician ultimately  
hoping to go into Military Police or Navy Seals.  
CJ is the son of Mary Edinger & grandson of Margaret Pardini.  
*Love Mom, Dinger, Granny & George*



Maleana Cree  
Stacy Cloud

Graduated from  
Black River Falls High  
School  
Parent: Jessica Stacy,  
Teega: Dan Stacy,  
Coka: George Stacy Sr.,  
Gaga: Maurine  
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Attending UWEC Fall  
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1st one since 1993

**Saturday, August 9, 2014**  
**East Arbutus Shelter**  
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Enjoy a day filled with family, food, fun & laughs!  
Bring your lawn chairs  
**Lunch served @ 1:00 pm**  
Meal and drinks will be provided but feel free to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

  
RSVP with Ruth Blackdeer Puent @ 715-670-0017 or Mary Blackdeer Anawash @ 715-670-0220 or robin.blackdeer@hotmail.com

**15TH ANNUAL REUNION**  
**BROWN FAMILY**  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
**August 2nd & 3rd**  
Blackhawk Park, DeSoto, WI.  
Family – Food – Fun  
Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Meat, ice tea,  
lemonade and coffee will be provided.  
  
Please RSVP to: Lee Brown Jr. – 715-299-4417 Or Brenda Brown – 715-299-4416  
Home phone: 715-284-4416



Caašja  
Wayne Funmaker  
August 14, 1933 – May 4, 2014



Thank you to the relatives and friends that helped at the time of Caašja passing. Thank you Ho-Chunk Nation, Wittenberg Chapter of the Native American Church, Kelly and Angelina LaMere, Lorenzo Funmaker, Travis Cloud, Corwin Roth, Lance Long, Martin Little Wolf Jr., Glenn Lee, Lawrence Walker Jr., and his stage Crew. Dolli Bigjohn, Bonnie Tech, Lucy Vargas, Miriam Bigjohn and each that helped with the food preparations, the serving and cleanup. Andy Phillips, Terry Tech, Glen and Maynard Funmaker, Nancy Prescott, Lanette Walker, Dave White Eagle, Carol White Thunder, Towner-Littlebear-Arnold VFW Post 1915 Trempealeau, WI. Honor Guard, Military Veterans, Don Careful Sr., Kathy LaMere, Danee Blaine Walker, Jeff Hendricks, Elliot Kolner, the Miner Family, Schmidt-Shulta Funeral Home, Trempealeau Cemetery Staff. Those that offered sympathy cards, flowers and donations. Those that offered their prayers, each one that traveled to pay their respects and to each one that had a thought on behalf of the mourners and the sick.

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ALL NATIONS  
CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**  
Sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation  
**August 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2014**  
**BLACK RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN**  
(Sandpillow Ball Fields, 4 miles east of BRF on HWY 54)

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$4000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$3000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$2000
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$1000

Consolation Bracket \$500  
Furthest Team Traveled \$300  
2nd Furthest Team \$200



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**\$400 Entry Fee 16 Team Limit**  
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# Leif Kimball sets his sights on greater achievement

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Sometimes it takes just one thing to turn a life around.

That one incident in Leif Kimball's life was a trade school training program through the Ho-Chunk Nation's TERO program.

Leif grew up in the Mission area of Black River Falls and graduated from Black River Falls High School. For a few years, from when he was 3 until he was 12, he and his family lived in Minneapolis.

Leif is the son of Melissa Johnson of Black River Falls.

Following high school graduation, he made plans to pursue higher education.

"My family is very well educated," he said. "I attempted to earn a degree through college, but it wasn't a success."

Leif attended Century Community College for a degree in Project Management, but gave up on his goals and returned to Black River Falls two years ago. He landed a job with Maintenance at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls, but he wasn't completely satisfied with that decision.

"My mother worked for the Labor Department for 11 years. She told me the Nation is sponsoring trade school training and that there were

only a handful of spots still open," Leif said. "She encouraged me to apply."

Initially he turned down the idea, thinking he had other job prospects on the horizon. When those plans fell through, he reconsidered and showed up at the Labor Department to fill out an application for the training.

"This came through at the perfect time," he said.

Leif attended a concrete and masonry certification program in New Brighton, Minnesota, facilitated by Moke Eaglefeathers as a trainer from Montana and the Local 633.

Nick Kedrowski from the Ho-Chunk Nation TERO Department and Moke set up the sessions as a pilot in-depth concrete training, geared specifically toward the education of native workers.

It was supposed to be four month course, but much of the curriculum was condensed, so Leif completed the training in three months.

"I graduated with a certificate – I'm a skilled craftsman, rather than a general laborer," he said.

And when he finished the training, he joined the Local 633 Concrete and Masonry Union, which opened the door for him to be hired in the area.

Joining the Local 633 was not a requirement, but it did help Moke find more appointments for all the training participants.

His first job, following training, was with Eddie Construction Company, pouring cement at Lake Calhoun in the Twin City metro area.

Since that time, he was hired by Gresser Construction Company of the Twin Cities.

"It's fast paced. You don't have second chances to get it right," he said. "Concrete is your boss."

When pouring cement, the men work in a four person unit, where each member must learn to work as a team. "If one fails, they all fail. You have to be out there working together, making sure the forms are square and the pitch is correct," he said. The jobs take him to various places around the area, wherever he is sent, but he hopes the company will land a contract at the local Air Force base.

"It will give us all a steady job at the same location every day," he said. "It's the little jobs that train me, but the big jobs are what we all want."

The jobs aren't easy – requiring a lot of physical movement and repetitive use of all his muscles. And

he must be willing to take what they give him, with the knowledge and skills to complete all tasks.

"You have to be a toolbox and be ready too," he said. "And no job is above you."

Concrete and masonry work is primarily seasonal work – that is – unless you can get indoor work during colder months.

"I want to get in on pouring concrete in the new Vikings stadium," Leif said. "But first, I need to work on building my resume. You're only as good as your reputation."

While it is possible he could have accepted to stay at home in Black River Falls, his ambitions to improve himself and his life wouldn't let him.

"I can't and won't settle for complacency," Leif said. Likewise, he wants other people to learn from his successes. "I want Ho-Chunk members to be employed."

There is no way he could have achieved what he has if it weren't for the training program provided by TERO. The training costs about \$10,000 and was completely paid by the program. Participants sign an agreement to pay back the entire amount if they do not finish the training.

"The future favors the



**Leif Kimball has started down a new road as a masonry and concrete specialist, thanks to the Ho-Chunk TERO program.**

bold," he said. "If you're not willing to risk anything, you're not going to gain anything. You have to step out of your comfort zone."

He's glad he went through the training and now has a skilled job that pays well. His goal has always been to be self-sufficient because it is not a good policy to rely on other sources of income that may not be there in the future, he said.

He wants people to know that the Labor Department will not get people jobs, but they help people gain the knowledge and training to be able to perform the work.

"You have to hustle and you have to want to work," he said. "It's hard work. The work is dirty, but the money is clean."

## Sheriff's deputy and tribal member James Pidgeon rescues woman

Kathleen Roberts  
Staff Writer

According to Wood County Deputy James Pidgeon, as the familiar saying suggests, it's all in a day's work. However, his actions during a serious situation most likely saved a life.

On Saturday June 28, Pidgeon received an alert to respond to an emergency near Highway 66 and River Road by the Biron Dam. Pidgeon and K-9 partner Toro, headed toward the Wisconsin River in the patrol vehicle. Upon arrival he saw a woman struggling in the water about 100 yards off shore. Immediately, he knew what he had to do. "I took off my weapon and radio belt and jumped into the water," he said.

Pidgeon did not hesitate to respond to the woman's need for help, even though he was never a champion swimmer or swim team athlete. He said he didn't have much difficulty swimming against the river's strong current. "I just did my job," said the deputy.

His K-9 partner remained in the law enforcement vehicle as directed, while Pidgeon responded.

Local newscasters referring to the rescue, say Pidgeon is a courageous man and a hero.

During a phone interview

on his well-deserved day off, Pidgeon was a gracious public servant and gave more details about the incident. The 26 year old woman attempted suicide, but after her rescue she was taken to the hospital for recovery.

"I think the department is planning a reception or something special," Pidgeon said. As a Marine Corps veteran and a long time Sheriff's deputy, he doesn't expect attention or recognition. He simply responded to a situation utilizing his training.



**Sheriff's deputy James Pidgeon deserves recognition and praise for the rescue of a possible drowning victim on June 28, 2014.**

Photo provided by the Wood County Sheriff's Department

## Black River Youth Hockey

# Four Person Best Position Golf Scramble

**When:** Saturday September 13th, 2014

**Where:** Skyline Golf Course, Black River Falls

**Time:** Shot Gun Start at 12:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$55 per Golfer (\$35 per Skyline Member)

Price includes 18 holes, a cart

and meal afterward in the

Skyline Club House

**Meal Only Option: \$11**

Come enjoy a beautiful fall day  
and support a good cause!

Raffle items  
will be available in the club house.

All proceeds will offset the cost of  
Hockey for BRYH



Contact Beth Overlien at 715-284-3197 or Maria Lane at 920-318-6154 to pre-register your team. The registration fee of \$55 will be paid the day of the golf outing beginning with registration starting at 11:00 a.m. and a shot gun start at 12:00 p.m.